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SUBJECT: FURTHER GOP REACTION TO PRESS REPORTS OF SOVIET

AIRCRAFT PURCHASE

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1. IN FURTHER REACTION TO RECENT NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS AND OTHER NEWS ACCOUNTS OF A MAJOR PERUVIAN PURCHASE OF SOVIET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, THE AIR MINISTRY ISSUED AN AUGUST 23 COMMUNIQUE. THE COMMUNIQUE DECLARES THAT "PERU'S PACIFIST POSITION IS WELL KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT." "THIS POLICY HAS INSPIRED PERU'S PROPOSALS FOR A LIMITATION OF ARMS PURCHASES IN ORDER TO DIRECT MORE RESOURCES TOWARD SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION. THE ACQUISITIONS OF THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE ARE DESTINED TO REPLACE AND UPGRADE OBSOLETE WAR MATERIEL AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT PERU'S DEVELOPMENT. THEREFORE AIRCRAFT ARE ACQUIRED (ADQUISICIONES SE VIENEN REALIZANDO) FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF REQUIRED MATERIEL AND THE CONDITIONS OF FINANCING."

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2. FONMIN DE LA PUENTE AT AN AUGUST 23 PRESS CONFERENCE AGAIN

CRITICIZED THE "SENSATIONALISM" OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTW ON A  
POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT. THE FONMIN STATED THAT SUCH  
PURCHASES (TO REPLACE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT) WERE COMMON TO ALL  
COUNTIRES. HE REITERATED ONCE AGAIN THAT "SOME MONTHS AGO THE  
GOP INVITED ARMS PRODUCING COUNTRIES AMONG THEM GREAT BRITAIN,  
THE SOVIET UNION, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES TO PRESENT  
PROPOSALS". DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT PERU WOULD SELECT THAT  
PROPOSAL WHICH BEST MEETS THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.  
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